

II. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A corner guard (4) for box-type containers (4), such as cases, transport boxes and the like, comprising a caplike corner-protecting element (8) to be fitted externally over a container corner (2), ~~characterized by~~ at least one elastic intermediate corner element (10) for providing impact-absorbing absorption arrangement between the corner-protecting element (8) and the container corner (2).
2. (Currently Amended) The corner guard as claimed in claim 1, characterized further comprising in that the corner-protecting element (8) is connected nonreleaseably, ~~in particular cohesively,~~ to the intermediate corner element (10) to form a unit.
3. (Currently Amended) The corner guard as claimed in claim 1, characterized further comprising in that the corner-protecting element (8) is connected releaseably, in particular nonpositively and/or positively, to the intermediate corner element (10).
4. The corner guard as claimed ~~in one of claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1, characterized further comprising in that the corner-protecting element (8), together with the intermediate corner element (10), ~~can be~~ are fastened nonreleaseably, in particular cohesively, on the container corner (2).

5. (Currently Amended) The corner guard as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1, ~~characterized further comprising~~ in that the corner-protecting element (8), together with the intermediate corner element (40), can be fastened releaseably in the region of the container corner (2).

6. (Currently Amended) The corner guard as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~ Claim 1, ~~characterized further comprising~~ in that the corner-protecting element (8) is provided in an internal corner (16) with a retaining peg (18) onto which the intermediate corner element (40) is mounted or can be mounted by way of a corresponding retaining aperture (20).

7. (Currently Amended) The corner guard as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized further comprising~~ in that the intermediate corner element (40) comprises a sleeve attachment (22) which comprises the retaining aperture (20) and encloses the retaining peg (18) of the corner-protecting element (8).

8. (Currently Amended) The corner guard as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 8, ~~characterized by further comprising~~ retaining means designed in such a way that the corner-protecting element (8), together with the intermediate corner element (40), can be fastened to the container corner (2) from the inside of the container.

9. (Currently Amended) The corner guard as claimed in claim 8, characterized further comprising in that the retaining means ~~take is in~~ the form of a retaining screw (26) which can be screwed to the corner-protecting element (8), in particular to its retaining peg (18), ~~in particular~~ via an elastic pressing element (28) which is adapted to be arranged in the inside of the container, in such a way that the corner-protecting element (8) is disconnected from the container (4) in terms of elastic impact absorption by way of the intermediate corner element (10) and the pressing element (28).

10. (Currently Amended) The corner guard as claimed in claim 9, characterized further comprising in that the elastic pressing element (28) is in butting connection with the intermediate corner element (10) in certain regions, in particular in a positively engaging manner via corresponding contoured and negatively contoured surfaces.

11. (Currently Amended) The corner guard as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 10~~, Claim 1 characterized further comprising in that the corner-protecting element (8) and also the intermediate corner element (10) each have three wall sections (12; 14) which are each arranged at right angles to one another and which are each to be arranged parallel to one of three container walls (6) adjoining in the region of the container corner (2).

12. (Currently Amended) The corner guard as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 11~~ Claim 1, characterized further comprising in that the corner-protecting element (8) has externally a partially spherical surface (30) with three flat areas (32) which are each at right angles to one another.

13. (Currently Amended) The corner guard as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 12~~ Claim 1, characterized further comprising in that the corner-protecting element (8) consists of a relatively dimensionally stable or hard elastic, preferably fiber-reinforced, plastic, in particular of a polyurethane elastomer or of polyamide (PA).

14. (Currently Amended) The corner guard as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 13~~ Claim 1, characterized further comprising in that at least one of the intermediate corner element (10) ~~and/or~~ or the inner pressing element (28) ~~consist/consists~~ consists of a soft elastic polyurethane (PU) plastic having a Shore A hardness approximately in the range from 50 to 60, preferably approximately 55, ~~and in particular of polyurethane (PU).~~

15. (Currently Amended) A container (4), in particular comprising a case, case in the form of a transport box or the like, characterized ~~by~~ and at least one corner guard (1) fastened in the region of a container corner (2), ~~as claimed in one of claims 1 to 14~~ including a caplike corner-protecting element to be fitted externally over the container corner, at least one elastic intermediate corner element for providing impact-absorption between the corner-protecting element and the container corner.

16. (Currently Amended) The container as claimed in claim 15 having eight container corners (2), ~~characterized by~~ further comprising up to eight associated corner guards (1) ~~as claimed in one of claims 1 to 14.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The container as claimed in claim 15 ~~or 16,~~ characterized further comprising in that ~~the/each~~ the corner guard (1) is fastened in the region of a container corner opening (24) by screwing the retaining screw (26) to the corner-protecting element (8) from the inside of the container, ~~preferably via the~~ using an elastic pressing element (28) in such a way that edges of the container corner opening (24) are clamped between the elastic intermediate corner element (10) and the elastic pressing element (28).

18. (Currently Amended) The container as claimed in ~~one of claims 15 to 17~~ Claim 15, characterized further comprising in that the wall sections (14) of the intermediate corner element (10) lie flat between the container walls (6) and the wall sections (12) of the corner-protecting element (8).